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**Delaware Public Service Commission Supports “811 Day” Promoting
Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention**

With August 11th almost here, the Delaware Public Service Commission (PSC) hopes this date on the calendar, 8/11, will serve as a natural reminder for homeowners and contractors to call 811 prior to any digging project.

Homeowners and contractors are required to call 811 before each job so that utility lines can be clearly marked, whether it's a large home improvement project, installing a fence or simply planting a tree. By making the free call to 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to their local one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the appropriate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint, or both. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages.

“Everyone should know of the critical importance of utility line and pipeline safety. Spread the word-call before digging”, said Delaware PSC Chairman Dallas Winslow.

The Delaware Public Service Commission is joining other states and nearly 50 pipeline companies to promote pipeline safety and damage prevention. “811 Day” will be promoted on network radio and television ads on August 11th, including NBC's 2012 Summer Olympic Games coverage.